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Annotations

1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, new members of the Committee shall make the following solemn declaration:

"I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

2. Election of the Chair and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with rule 15 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur. In accordance with rules 16 and 17, the officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years and elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 9 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, unless the election of officers is required under rule 20. In accordance with rule 10, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.

The provisional agenda for the twenty-first session was prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, pursuant to rule 8 of the rules of procedure.

4. Organizational matters

The twenty-first session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations, from 11 March to 5 April 2019. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 11 March, at 10 a.m. A representative of the Secretary-General will open the session.

Pursuant to rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public, unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

The Committee will consider matters concerning the organization of the twenty-first session, in particular the adoption of its programme of work, a draft of which is contained in the annex.

5. Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the Committee

The Committee will consider the report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the twentieth and twenty-first sessions.

6. Submission of reports by parties to the Convention under article 35

The Committee will be updated on the reports received from parties to the Convention under article 35. As at the time of issuance of the present provisional agenda, the following reports had been received and were pending consideration by the Committee:

Party	*Due*	*Date received*	*Symbol*
Albania	2014	4 December 2015	CRPD/C/ALB/1
Andorra	2016	30 March 2017	-
Angola	2016	26 January 2017	-
Argentina	2018	2 October 2018	CRPD/C/ARG/2-3

Party	*Due*	*Date received*	*Symbol*
Australia	2018	7 September 2018	-
Bahrain	2013	12 October 2017	-
Bangladesh	2010	18 April 2017	CRPD/C/BGD/1
Benin	2014	5 September 2018	-
Burkina Faso	2011	30 November 2018	-
China	2018	31 August 2018	-
Djibouti	2014	2 February 2016	CRPD/C/DJI/1
Ecuador	2018	7 September 2018	CRPD/C/ECU/2-3
El Salvador	2018	7 May 2018	-
Estonia	2014	4 December 2015	CRPD/C/EST/1
France	2012	8 May 2016	CRPD/C/FRA/1
Georgia	2016	19 July 2018	CRPD/C/GEO/1
Ghana	2018	5 June 2018	-
Greece	2015	1 June 2015	CRPD/C/GRC/1
Hungary	2017	30 April 2018	-
India	2011	3 August 2015	CRPD/C/IND/1
Indonesia	2013	3 January 2017	-
Iraq	2010	19 August 2015	CRPD/C/IRQ/1
Israel	2014	18 May 2017	-
Jamaica	2010	25 June 2018	CRPD/C/JAM/1
Japan	2016	30 June 2016	CRPD/C/JPN/1
Kazakhstan	2017	9 June 2017	-
Kuwait	2015	24 September 2015	CRPD/C/KWT/1
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2011	25 May 2016	CRPD/C/LAO/1
Malawi	2011	6 June 2017	-
Maldives	2012	8 October 2018	-
Mauritania	2014	31 January 2017	-
Mexico	2018	22 February 2018	CRPD/C/MEX/2-3
Myanmar	2014	19 November 2015	CRPD/C/MMR/1
Netherlands	2018	13 July 2018	-
Nicaragua	2010	27 February 2015	-
Palau	2018	2 June 2018	-
Peru	2018	7 September 2018	-
Singapore	2015	30 June 2016	CRPD/C/SGP/1
Switzerland	2016	15 January 2016	CRPD/C/CHE/1

Party	*Due*	*Date received*	*Symbol*
Togo	2013	8 March 2018	-
Tunisia	2018	4 September 2018	-
Tuvalu	2016	9 March 2018	-
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2015	2 November 2015	CRPD/C/VEN/1
Viet Nam	2017	4 April 2018	-
Zambia	2012	19 September 2017	-

7. Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35

At its twenty-first session, the Committee will consider the initial reports of Cuba, the Niger, Norway, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Spain, Turkey and Vanuatu.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 41 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports have been scheduled for consideration by the Committee. A schedule for the consideration of reports submitted is set forth in the tentative programme of work annexed hereto.

8. Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention

The Committee will adopt lists of issues on initial reports. It will also adopt lists of issues prior to reporting, under the simplified reporting procedure, on periodic reports.

9. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies

The Committee will discuss how to strengthen cooperation with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and other competent bodies in order to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities. Representatives of such organizations and bodies may seek to address the Committee.

10. General comments

The Committee will discuss matters related to the process of preparing a future general comment. The Chair of the working group established to draft a general comment on article 11 will provide updated information on the progress made by the working group.

11. Methods of work of the Committee

The Committee will consider its methods of work.

12. Future meetings

The Committee will be informed of any developments relating to its future meetings. It will also consider the organization of its future work.

13. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system

The Committee will consider the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system.

14. Activities under the Optional Protocol to the Convention

The Committee will consider the complaints submitted under the Optional Protocol to the Convention and the conduct of inquiries.

15. Follow-up to inquiries under the Optional Protocol to the Convention

The Committee will consider the information submitted by States parties and other relevant stakeholders on follow-up to inquiries.

16. Adoption of the report on the twenty-first session

Pursuant to rule 38 bis of its rules of procedure, the Committee may consider and adopt the report on its twenty-first session.

17. Adoption of the biennial report (2017–2018) to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council

Under this item, the Committee will adopt its biennial report to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council.

Annex

Tentative programme of work

Week 1			
Monday, 11 March 2019	434th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 1	Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee
		Item 2	Election of the Chair and other officers of the Committee
		Item 3	Adoption of the agenda
		Item 4	Organizational matters
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		Item 6	Submission of reports by parties to the Convention under article 35
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	435th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 11	Methods of work of the Committee
		Item 9	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
Tuesday, 12 March 2019	436th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
	437th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Niger
Wednesday, 13 March 2019	438th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Niger
	439th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Turkey
Thursday, 14 March 2019	440th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Turkey
	441st meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Rwanda

Friday, 15 March 2019	442nd meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Rwanda
	443rd meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 14	Activities under the Optional Protocol to the Convention: communications and inquiries
Week 2			
Monday, 18 March 2019	444th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
	445th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Spain
Tuesday, 19 March 2019	446th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Spain
	447th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Senegal
Wednesday, 20 March 2019	448th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Senegal
	449th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Saudi Arabia
Thursday, 21 March 2019	450th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Saudi Arabia
	451st meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Vanuatu
Friday, 22 March 2019	452nd meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Vanuatu
	453rd meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 11	Methods of work of the Committee
		Item 13	Implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system
		Item 10	General comments
Week 3			
Monday, 25 March 2019	454th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies

	455th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Norway
Tuesday, 26 March 2019	456th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Norway
	457th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Cuba
Wednesday, 27 March 2019	458th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: Cuba
	459th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
Thursday, 28 March 2019	460th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
	461st meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
Friday, 29 March 2019	462nd meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
		Item 8	Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention
	463rd meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
Week 4			
Monday, 1 April 2019	464th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
		Item 8	Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention
	465th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
Tuesday, 2 April 2019	466th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations

	467th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
Wednesday, 3 April 2019	468th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
		Item 8	Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention
	469th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
Thursday, 4 April 2019	470th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
		Item 8	Adoption of lists of issues concerning reports of parties to the Convention
	471st meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 14	Activities under the Optional Protocol to the Convention: communications and inquiries
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Friday, 5 April 2019	472nd meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 7	Consideration of reports submitted by parties to the Convention under article 35: adoption of concluding observations
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	5 p.m. (public)		Closing